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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 253  
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A RESOLUTION to name the Welcome Center at Panther Creek State Park in Hamblen County in honor of Mr. W.N. Ramsey.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain buildings at state parks in honor of those outstanding citizens whose exemplary lives have redounded to the great benefit of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the late W.N. Ramsey was one such person who was very active in Morristown and Hamblen County, having served as a school teacher, Hamblen County trustee, and as a founder of the Hamblen County Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramsey came to the Morristown area in 1899 and enrolled at Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, he served with dedication as a Baptist minister and pastored at several area churches, including the Catherine Nenny Church in Whitesburg; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramsey taught at Manley, Cedar Hill, Hiawatha and Fairview schools, and in 1916 purchased the farm on Panther Creek; and

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WHEREAS, he was a businessman who in 1932 founded Ramsey's Farm Market, a thriving business which is still operated by members of the Ramsey Family; and

WHEREAS, "Papaw Ramsey," as he was affectionately called, did not want to sell his farm but said if it took his part of the land for the park to become a reality he would sell; the plot of land where the ranger's house is located was not purchased in the land for the park, but was donated by Mr. Ramsey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramsey and his beloved wife Margaret were the proud parents of five children, Frank Ramsey, Bill Ramsey, Henrietta Ramsey Hendrickson, Hillary Ramsey, and the late Oneida Ramsey Line; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the good people of Morristown and Hamblen County to create a lasting tribute to the memory of this inimitable man who gave so generously of his time and resources for the betterment of all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Welcome Center at Panther Creek State Park in Hamblen County is hereby designated the "W.N. Ramsey Welcome Center, in honor of Mr. Ramsey's devotion to his community and the people of Hamblen County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Environment and Conservation is directed to erect suitable markers designating "W.N. Ramsey Welcome Center".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation.